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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY
INITIAL AND CONTINUING
EDUCATION**

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POLICY: The initial education, refresher and continuing education courses conducted by Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services are offered to the municipalities providing paramedic response services, provided an individual remains an active paramedic in the system.

Admission to classes, refresher courses and quarterly continuing educational courses at no charge is limited to those individuals currently active in the municipality's paramedic program. Admission is at the sole discretion of the County.

Individuals who meet the admission criteria will be referred to the Milwaukee County's Education program by the municipality. Milwaukee County EMS has final approval rights for student selection based on established admission criteria. Pre-requisite course work may include post-secondary education classes in such areas as English Composition, Anatomy and Physiology or other academic areas as determined by the State of Wisconsin.

Milwaukee County will provide education to the referred and accepted staff of the Municipality up to the following levels:

- Training and educational opportunities, on a space available basis as determined by the County, which will allow a candidate to meet the State of Wisconsin license requirements and qualify for taking the National Registry Examination for an Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic;
- Access to refresher courses for individuals active in the paramedic program;
- Access to quarterly continuing educational programs to individuals active in the paramedic program.
- DL support for individuals active in the paramedic program.

Licensed active paramedics are to attend scheduled continuing education conferences provided by Milwaukee County EMS.

Municipalities are to provide and cooperate with Milwaukee County in any preceptor program and to provide an adequate number of paramedic preceptors to participate in field education.

If a municipality hires an individual whose paramedic education was provided by an entity other than Milwaukee County, the Municipality may petition the County to recognize and accept that individual as part of the County EMS System. Milwaukee County is under no obligation to recognize or accept that individual into the Milwaukee County Emergency Medical Services System.

Milwaukee County has full discretion in the establishment of methodologies to assess a petition and to establish review and acceptance criteria regarding individuals receiving initial and continuing education through other non-county programs.